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***Via eFiling***

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: **Northern Natural Gas Company  
Cedar Station Upgrade  
Docket No. CP16-487-000  
Quarterly Report #6**

Dear Ms. Bose;

Pursuant to Condition 8 of the Order Issuing Certificate issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) August 22, 2017, in the above-referenced docket, and subsequent discussions with FERC staff, Northern Natural Gas (Northern) hereby submits for filing its quarterly status report for the period ending May 31, 2020. As indicated in previous reports, in accordance with discussions with FERC staff, effective December 1, 2018, Northern is submitting quarterly reports.

Any questions regarding the filing should be directed to the undersigned at (402) 398-7103.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Michael T. Loeffler

Michael T. Loeffler  
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Attachment

**Northern Natural Gas  
Cedar Station Upgrade Project (CP16-487-000)  
Quarterly Status Report No. 6  
Reporting Period: March 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of a 7.86-mile-long, 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Dakota County, Minnesota. New valve settings with inline inspection facilities were installed at each end of the pipeline.

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION STATUS**

The status of all federal authorizations are listed in the table below.

<b>Permit/Approval</b>	<b>Administering Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Federal</b>		
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC)	Certificate issued 8/22/17
Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Original No Effect determination received 6/2/2016; subsequent to the No Effect determination, the rusty-patch bumble bee was added to the list of endangered species. On 4/27/2017, a May Affect But Not Likely to Adversely Affect Determination was issued.
Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10; Clean Water Act, Sections 404 (dredge/fill) and 401 (water quality certification)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Permit received 4/24/2017
Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation	Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office	No Effect concurrence received 4/13/17
<b>State</b>		
State Listed Threatened & Endangered Species Consultation	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Concurrence received 6/22/2016
License to Cross Public Waters Wetlands	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Completed 7/22/2016

<b>Permit/Approval</b>	<b>Administering Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
Water Appropriation General Permit (hydrostatic test water and trench dewatering)	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Permits for first 1.5 miles for open cut received 3/20/2017; remaining permits received 4/13/2017
NPDES <sup>1</sup> Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Construction Activities	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Permit received 3/21/2017, additional permit received 4/19/2019

<sup>1</sup>NPDES = National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

### **Restoration Status**

Between March 1, 2020, and May 31, 2020, all areas of the project, with the exception of one area, either achieved 70% vegetative coverage or had responsibility for restoration assumed by developers or a land management agency. The only area remaining for restoration included a small depression at MP 1.9 which was regraded May 2019 and has achieved 55% vegetative cover. Northern has reached an agreement with the landowner to regrade the area beyond corrective actions taken in May 2019. The landowner will assume responsibility for restoration following his regrading. This was the last area remaining for restoration.

**Photos of this quarter's activities**



Facing north at MP 1.9, area in pasture the landowner will regrade and assume responsibility for restoration